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Box No. I Basis of the report

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 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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 - the claims:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	NONE	YES
	Claims	1-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following document:

D1 : EP 1,104,897 A2 (23 Oct 2000)

D2 : JP 63- 76033 A (06 Apr 1988)

1. Novelty

Claims 1-17 are considered to be novel over the available prior art, because the prior art does not disclose any of the technical features as specifically set out in the claims of the present application (Article 33(2) PCT).

2. Inventive Step

The subject matter of the present application relates to an apparatus and method for performing garbage collection, characterized in making a list of objects to be removed from a memory, measuring the time left till the predetermined time for responding to a command received from the outside, removing the objects listed in said list from the memory during the left time, storing in the memory the list of the objects which have not been removed during the left time, and then processing said objects during the process of a next command. In other words, the present invention is to distribute and process the garbage collection loads.

D1 is characterized in that during the waiting time that distributed application programs are bit executed, garbage collection is delivered as a function of a certain timing variables and processed.

D2 comprises a first timer circuit for measuring the whole executing time or the time for anything other than garbage collection process and a second timer circuit for measuring the executing time needed for the garbage collection process, characterized by the changing the values of a memory size register.

The present application is similar to said documents in measuring the garbage collection processing time by using a timer and collecting garbage by using the waiting time that an application program is not executed, but differs from said documents in the technology of making a list of objects and storing the list in a memory. However, said technology is known in this art.

Accordingly, it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to combine the known technologies of D1 and D2, thereby arriving at the present invention. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1-13 does not fulfill the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.

3. Industrial Applicability

The present invention is industrially applicable (PCT Article 33(4)).